

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Caroline CONNELLY et al. Confirmation No: 3339
Appl. No. : 09/857,433
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Title : HOMOCYSTEINE ASSAY

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Examiner : R. J. Gitomer

Docket No.: : CONN3001/REF
Customer No: : 23364

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for THREE (3) months to April 20, 2005.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(c) for a three month extension of time is \$510.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Small entity status has been established. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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